

# **SC Annual School Report Card Summary**

**Woodland Heights Elementary Spartanburg School District Six** 

Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 416** 

Principal: Dr. Cynthia J. Pridgen Superintendent: Dr. Darryl F. Owings

Board Chair: Mr. Lynn Harris

## **PERFORMANCE**

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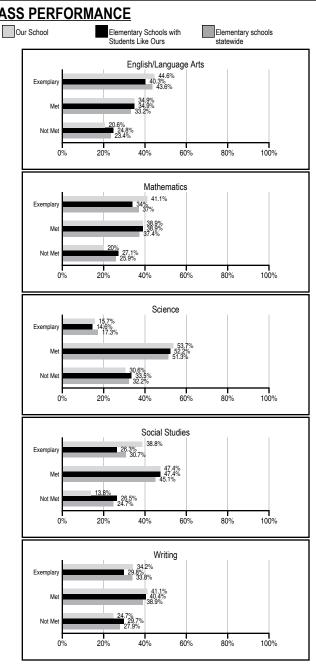
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Α	N/A
2011	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A
2010	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

# **ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
16	32	73	7	0

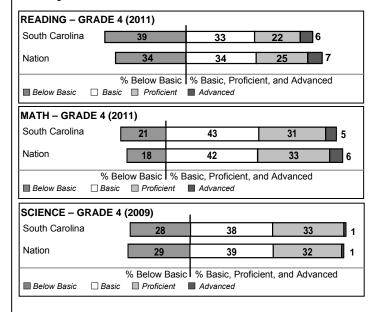
<sup>\*</sup> Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverly Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

### PASS PERFORMANCE



### **NAEP PERFORMANCE\***

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



#### **SC PERFORMANCE VISION**

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

### **Woodland Heights Elementary** [Spartanburg School District Six]

### **SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=416)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Up from 2.4%	1.2%	1.0%
Attendance rate	97.6%	Up from 97.4%	96.3%	96.6%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=34)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.6%	No Change	61.3%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	90.5%	Up from 90.3%	89.6%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 97.2%	94.9%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,856	Up 0.9%	\$47,302	\$47,210
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	15.0 days	Up from 13.9 days	10.5 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	No Change	20.0 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	Down from 93.7%	89.7%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,705	Down 9.2%	\$7,322	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.6%	Down from 75.4%	67.8%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	73.2%	Down from 73.6%	65.1%	65.7%
ESEA composite index score	98.2	N/A	88.2	91.9

Length of contract = 185+ days.

# **EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	66	63
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	84.8%	98.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	83.3%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.1%	89.4%	96.7%

<sup>\*</sup>Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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### REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Woodland Heights Elementary is a Carolina First Palmetto's Finest School with a record of outstanding student achievement. Woodland Heights Elementary just completed their seventh year as an Arts in Basic Curriculum school. A variety of arts experiences are available to students. Each grade level presented a musical drama incorporating the SC Academic Standards tied to the school wide theme, "Celebrating Super Heroes." Students enjoyed six arts performances at the school and attended several off site performances. Five artists in residence provided musical, visual arts, and dance experiences. Teachers utilized the arts in classrooms when teaching core academic subjects. Parents were invited to a Fine Arts Sneak a Peek Week where they visited classrooms and even participated in one of their child's arts experiences.

Throughout the year, students participated in numerous activities that promote leadership such as Student Council, Peer Helpers, Wildcat Cadets, and Gents and Ladies Clubs. Through our Wee C.A.R.E. (Children Are Reaching Everywhere) Program, students were able to give back to the community by sponsoring Mobile Meals, Winter Warmth, Relay for Life and the Christmas Giving Tree. Additional educational programs implemented included a full-day 4K program, early morning math enrichment, reading incentive programs, in-school tutoring, after school homework assistance/remedial programs, computerized math and reading programs, and an afternoon Fitness Club for grades 3-5. WHES has an on-site afterschool daycare program which provided a variety of enrichment opportunities. An instructional afterschool and summer program partnership with a local church through a \$200,000 21st Century grant provided learning opportunities for many students.

A variety of school events allowed parents to share in their child's school experience. Some of these events were Back to School Night, Picnic on the Green, Open House, Sneak a Peek Weeks, Family Arts Night, Grandparents Day, grade level theme programs, and a Fine Arts Share Week. An active PTO provided WHES with funds to enrich learning opportunities. Through their fund raisers, the PTO purchased instructional materials, arts integration items, reading incentives, program supplies, playground equipment, and much more! The extensive volunteer program included over 1500 volunteer hours. WHES PTO is awesome!

The experienced WHES staff includes 71% with a Masters Degree or higher and 42% who have gifted certification. Teachers were awarded \$12,700 in innovative grants. These professionals work well as a team and are key in the successful instructional program provided to students. By always keeping in mind our school motto, "Always for Children", the WHES faculty will continue to provide quality learning experiences for all children.

Principal, Dr. Cynthia J. Pridgen, 2011 National Distinguished Principal of the Year SIC, Mr. Will Malabri

<sup>\*\*</sup> Prior year audited financial data available.